

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has amended claims 1 to 13 to remove any multiple dependency of the claims and to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention, notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. Claims 14 to 17 have been added to set forth subject matter deleted from original claims through amendments.

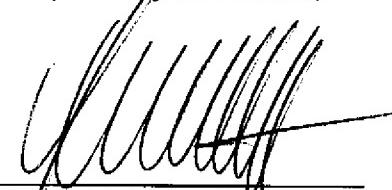
In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it with proper headings.

A substitute specification which includes all the foregoing changes to the specification (other than the claims) is enclosed herewith.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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